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FOR AGRICULTURE F.A.S. GRAIN DIV

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SUBJECT: N.Z. WHEAT IMPORTS

1. AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE MADE REPRESENTATION TO NEW ZEALAND WHEAT BOARD 13 APRIL REGARDING PROSPECTS FOR WHEAT IMPORTS LATER IN 1978.
2. ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER OF N.Z. WHEAT BOARD INFORMED ATTACHE THAT WHEAT CROP WILL BE UNDER EARLIER ESTIMATES AND THAT ALL FLOUR MILLS ON SOUTH ISLAND WOULD BE SUPPLIED BY SOUTH ISLAND WHEAT. SURPLUS WOULD GO TOWARDS FILLING NORTH ISLAND REQUIREMENTS WITH SHORTAGES FILLED BY IMPORTS AS NEEDED.
3. PROBABLE IMPORTS WILL NOT BE SUBSTANTIAL BUT WILL OCCUR LATER PART OF 1978.
4. ATTACHE REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY FOR UNITED STATES EXPORTERS TO BID ON TENDERS AS U.S. WOULD BE A VERY RELIABLE SUPPLIER AND MANY U.S. WHEAT FARMERS ARE ALSO LIVESTOCK FARMERS.

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5. ATTACHE WAS INFORMED THAT NOT ONLY ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS WERE WEIGHED BUT POLITICAL AS WELL AND WHEAT BOARD HAD TO CONSIDER ATTITUDE OF WATERSIDERS WHO IN THE PAST HAVE ENDEAVORED TO SPECIFY FROM WHICH COUNTRY GRAIN COULD BE IMPORTED.
6. ONLY OTHER U.S. WHEAT EXPORT ON RECORD WAS IN 1975

WHEN N.Z. IMPORTED 15,000 METRIC TONS AND IMPORT FROM
U.S. NECESSARY AS AUSTRALIAN WATERSIDERS OUT AT THAT
TIME.

7. RAISE ISSUE AT THIS TIME BECAUSE DROUGHT WILL
MAKE GRAIN SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING NECESSARY AND U.S. IN
EXCELLENT SUPPLY POSITION, FEEL UNITED STATES FEED GRAIN
EXPORTERS SHOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON BUSINESS.
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